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The sky is so vast.
So fun.
So high.
So blue.
Feels so good~
The entire world
should feel so good.

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The Tale of Crime and Punishment – The Extreme Limits

THE CAST

Kall-Su
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Evil
A troubled child who grew up to be an extremely powerful wizard. At one time he was widely considered to be on par with Dark Schneider, his old friend and confidant. When they fought the very earth trembled but D.S. proved to be too much and killed him! However, he came back to life and patched things up with his old buddy.

Abigail
Class: Cleric (Black Magic) • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Neutral Evil
Once the high priest of Anthrasax and one of the Four Divine Kings, he was destroyed by Dark Schneider in a fearsome battle. But it turns out his soul was merely corrupted by the God of Destruction, and he's made a surprise return! Now he's a good guy again! He loves to hit D.S. with very heavy magical items.

Tia Noto Yoko
Class: Cleric (White Magic) • Race: Human
Age: 17 • Alignment: Lawful Good
She witnessed the miraculous birth of Lucifer, one of the most powerful Angels.

Dark Schneider is still dead, pulverized from his run-in with the super-powerful destructive god Anthrasax! But don't cry just yet, because even in his death there's still hope as D.S.'s loyal followers concoct the mother of all long-shot plans to bring him back! Meanwhile, the demonic horde invading the planet has suddenly achieved a new level of power as a legion of fourth-level Angels attack! To make matters worse, they are propagating and increasing their numbers dramatically. And then there's our besieged heroes on the Ark, which continues its slow and steady descent towards oblivion! But behold, there's a glimmer of hope as Dark Schneider's alter ego Lucien is reborn as the powerful Angel Lucifer! Will he be strong enough to stop or even slow down the systematic destruction of all mankind? And how long must readers endure the absence of the hero of this tale? Find out in the incredible pages that lie ahead!

Prince Lars
Class: Fighter • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Good
He took on Dark Schneider 15 years ago and disappeared in the tremendous battle. In fact he was reborn and lived as a baby dragon until he recently returned to his original form.

Dark Schneider
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: About 400 • Alignment: Chaotic Evil (with neutral tendencies)
He's **still** D-E-A-D! And there **still** is always the extreme outside chance he'll come back... in say a volume or two.

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THE SOURCE OF RAGE, SIN, PAIN, AND DEATH!
MY NAME IS SATAN!
THE DEMON KING, SATAN!
THE DARK GOD OF DESTRUC-TION!

SATAN?
SATAN...

WRA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA!
GROOAD!

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[⇦ 2 SEC. CHARGE] ⇨ + PUNCH

YOU CAN NEVER BREAK THE HUMAN SPIRIT!
GRIP!
NO MATTER HOW POTENT A POWER YOU MAY POSSESS...

...THAT THE FUTURE WILL HOLD A PLACE FOR YOU.
JOSH!
CAN YOU?
UNFORGIVABLE!
UNFORGIVABLE!
UNFORGIVABLE!
UNFORGIVABLE!
HA AAA
UNFORGIVABLE!
GRRR
BE DAMNED! HOW DARE YOU RESIST US, THE NOBLE MESSENGERS OF GOD!
YOU BASE AND PROFANE HUMANS!
YOU!
VW OH

WE WILL GRIND YOUR BONES TO DUST UNDER OUR OMNIPOTENT WILL!
FIND NO COMFORT IN YOUR RESOLVE, YOU PATHETIC FILTH, FOR I DICTATE YOUR FUTURE.

EVERYONE...

I WANT TO BELIEVE...

GNOOH
GWP
NNNNGHH!
FLASH
Masterful Six Angels Ultimate Combination!
ZZZZWHP
ELEEEETZ! COOOOOM-BIIIIINNNED!
ZIIIP
BOOM

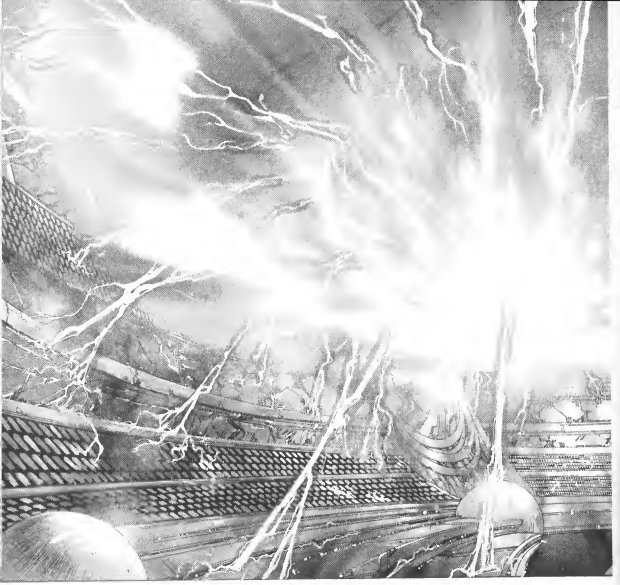
THE POWER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS!
LUCIEN!
THE DOMINIONS COMBINED!
DWROAA
AAA
WWWHH!
MY BROTHERS, STOP!
HUMANS ARE...!

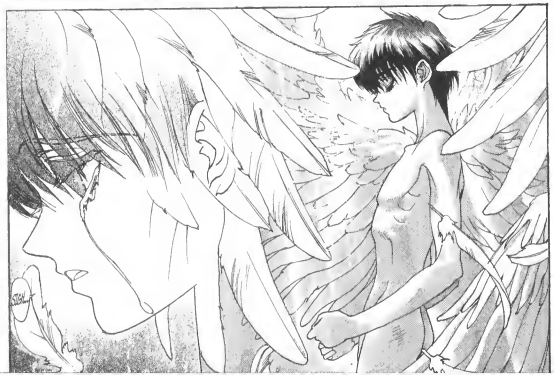
PSHK PSHK
FALLEN ANGEL LUCIFER! THIS, THIS TRULY IS, THIS IS...!
DGGGRAAA
JUSTICE JUSTICE JUSTICE JUSTICE JUSTICE!

WHO
HUMANS ARE WHAT?! HUMANS ARE EVIL BEINGS!
OOH
OUR JUDGMENT IS NOT FLAWED!
I KNOW HUMANITY... THEY WILL DEFINITELY..
PERISH! ALL HUMANS SHOULD PERISH!
YOU'RE WRONG!
FLA
AGH!
THAT IS A HUMAN!
THEY DESTROY! STEAL! KILL!
HUMANS ARE EVIL!
JEALOUSY, HATE, ENVY, AND DECEPTION.
NO! HUMANS, HUMANS ARE...
SH!

SHION
GAMMA RAY
Raging Dance of the God
Sealing Four Score and Seven
Shooting Stars of Awesome Blasting Light Brilliance!

OH MY GOD!
GROAAAH?!
TH... THIS IS IMPOSSI-BLE...
D... DIFFERENT...
THIS LEVEL OF POWER IS ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LEVEL!





SHIT!

I, UM...
I DIDN'T WANT TO REVEAL THIS SIDE OF MYSELF TO YOU, MISS YOKO...
LUCIEN.
I'M SORRY...
THIS WOULD SURELY CONCEDE THAT I'VE BEEN DECEIVING YOU ALL THIS TIME.
BUT... I WANTED TO SAVE YOU SO BADLY.
BECAUSE THIS... THIS IS THE END...

...GREET A DAY WHEN THEY WILL EMBRACE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL.
HUMANITY WILL, WITHOUT A DOUBT...

I'D ALWAYS ASSUMED THAT I WAS THE ONE PROTECTING YOU...
UH... UM...
TUU... TIKU...
BUT I GUESS I'VE ALWAYS HAD IT BACKWARDS...

SO... SO THAT'S WHAT IT WAS...
IT WAS YOU THIS WHOLE TIME...
THAT MYSTERIOUS POWER THAT WAS ALWAYS PROTECTING ME, NO MATTER WHAT.
IS IT... GOOD NOT TOO LATE FOR...
NOT YET. THE HEART STILL WON'T OBEY!!
SMAH!
WAKE UP, YOU! NOW!
JUST... STAY BACK! THE AIR OF EVIL HERE TOO MUCH!

NO LONGER CAN MY POWERS DO ANYTHING TO DELAY THIS...
BLITZ BLITZ
LUCIEN.
SOB SOB
FLAG
SNIFFLE SOB
IF THAT DREADED ATTACK SHOULD BEGIN...
ALL THOSE SPARED IN THE ORIGINAL ATTACK, EVEN THE MOST HARMLESS AND DEFENSELESS, WILL BE ANNIHILATED WITHIN MINUTES...
NO LONGER ...

...
SNIFFLE
THEY WILL COMMENCE, WITHOUT REMORSE, AN UNRELENTING ASSAULT OF OVERWHELMING FORCE AGAINST ALL HUMANITY.
AFTER THEY DESTROY THIS ARK..
THE SEVERAL MILLION ANGELS WHO HAVE MATERIALIZED COMPOSE GOD'S ARMY, THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

...AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU... ♡
WHETHER YOU ARE ANGEL OR HUMAN...
KISS
LUCIEN IS STILL LUCIEN...
MISS YOKO.
THANK YOU...
...

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE... THE ONLY ANGEL WITH ANY PITY...
SO THAT MEANS... THAT OUT OF THE MILLIONS OF ANGELS...

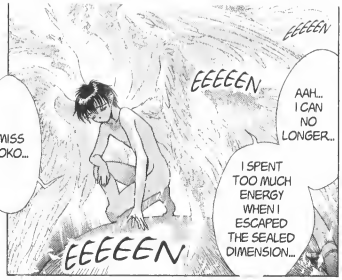
MM...

THANK YOU MISS YOKO...

MAY YOUR HEARTS MOVE FORWARD TOWARD A DESTINY WHERE THE LIGHT CAN BE FELT...!
FWAH!
BE CAREFUL...
THERE LIES WITHIN THE HEART OF A HUMAN BEING SUCH VIRTUES AS LOVE AND KINDNESS, DERIVED FROM THE LIGHT.
BUT ALONG WITH THAT ARE HATE AND GREED, DERIVED FROM THE DARKNESS.
REMAIN VIGILANT! AWAKEN TO YOUR POTENTIAL WITH YOUR EYES WIDE OPEN!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE DARKNESS MIGHT LURE YOU INTO A VILE SLUMBER...
BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT.
A HUMAN BEING, BIRTHED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THIS LIGHT AND DARKNESS...
...IS AN ISOLATED AND INCOMPLETE SPIRIT.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...
EVEN I DON'T KNOW.
THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT.
BUT I CAN SAY THIS...
A BATTLE AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL FORCES.
THIS BATTLE PERPETUATES THE RIVALRY BETWEEN THE LIGHT AND THE DARKNESS THAT RESIDES WITHIN ALL OF YOU.
THIS IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE AMONG THE POWERS OF CREATION!
THE BREWING BATTLE WILL CERTAINLY BE THE MOST BRUTAL KNOWN TO MANKIND.
BUMP
BUMP

LUCIEN!
WHOMEVER DARK SCHNEIDER LOVES, LUCIEN LOVES AS WELL.


EEEEEN
EEEEEN
EEEEEN
MISS YOKO..
I SPENT TOO MUCH ENERGY WHEN I ESCAPED THE SEALED DIMENSION...
AAH.. I CAN NO LONGER..

LUCIEN ...?

DARK SCHNEIDER, TOO... DARK SCHNEIDER AND LUCIEN RENLEN ARE THE DARK SHADOW AND SUBLIME LIGHT OF A SINGLE SOUL...
IF DARK SCHNEIDER DIES, SO DOES YOUR LUCIEN...

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT...
HU
LUCIEN?!
I LOVE YOU, MISS YOKO.

I WILL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE.

LU...
FWAH

GOODBYE...

ALL OF THE ENERGY ALLOWING **LUCIFER** TO EXIST HAS BEEN USED UP.

ALTHOUGH I'LL PROBABLY NEVER AGAIN APPEAR BEFORE YOU AS I AM NOW...

I'M GLAD THAT I KNEW YOU.

THANK YOU MISS YOKO...

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME SO MUCH KINDNESS...

LIKE A MOTHER...

LIKE A SISTER...

LIKE A FRIEND...

ZSH AA A AA
SHAAAA
LUCIEN.

DWIM
IIIOOOH
MGWROOOH
SHL
CRACK CRACK
TU RN
ING
TRUST IN ME! I'LL BE THE STRONG ONE NOW!

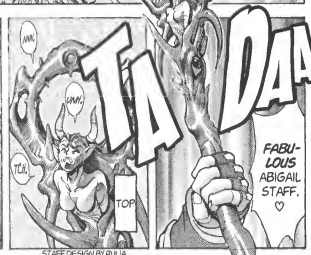
STILL SUCH A CRYBABY.
EVEN AS AN ANGEL, HE'S STILL LUCIEN...
...
SCHK
MUK
MUK
SHHHHAA
SLUT
NO MORE TEARS.

AND...
DUUUUUH
AGYA AGYA
YOU'D BETTER COME BACK TO ME... LUCIEN.
HUH.
MY LITTLE LADY.
WELL, WELL... I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT...
SHE'S QUICK TO RECOVER.

BOOM
DM DM DM DM DM
GSH
YOU WILL ALL DIE!
LUCIFER HAS DISAP-PEARED!
WHY YOU SCUM ...!
THEY FINALLY STOPPED MUMBLING.
SHWA A
DRAGON MODE.

WROOOOM
LET'S DO THIS, WARRIORS! FIGHT TO SEE D.S. RESURRECTED!
THIS REACTOR MUST BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS!
YEAH!

GAAAAH!
BOOM
KABOOM
?!
IT IS AN INSULT TO BE INJURED BY A MERE HUMAN...!
IMPOSSIBLE! AGAINST US, ANGELS WHO IMPLEMENT THE WILL OF GOD..
WHAT IS THIS POWER ...?
WH-WHAT ?!
GROOOAAAAAH
I SEE... YOU!
YOU CANNOT BE AN ORDINARY HUMAN BEING!
GW
OH
DRAGON MAGNUM!
Omnipotent Draconis Strike!
GATHERING ENERGY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE ULTIMATE PUNCH.
RRRR



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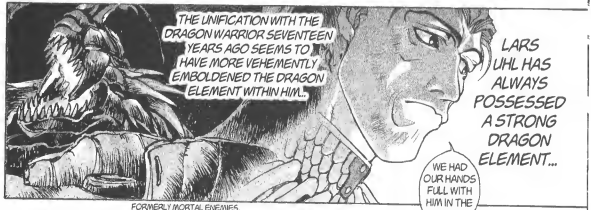
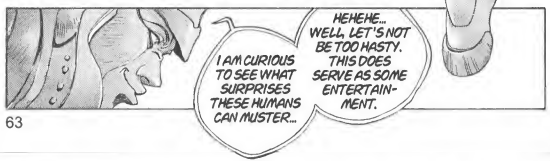
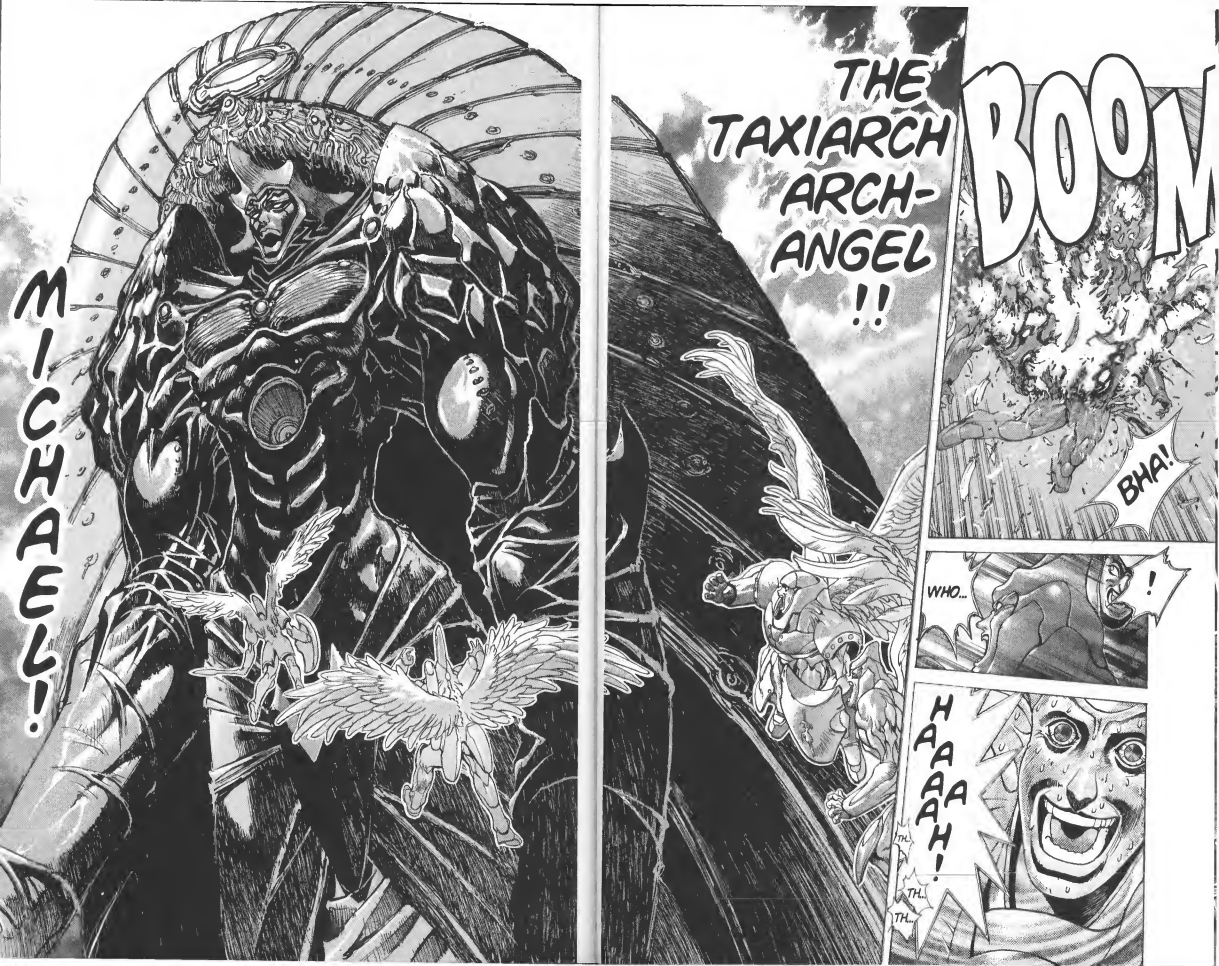


FORMERLY MORTAL ENEMIES.

ASTRAL BODY = SPIRIT BODY.



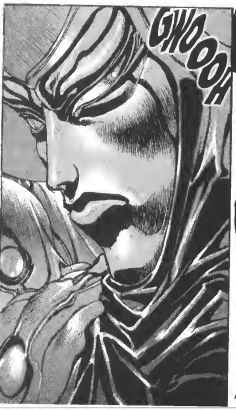

MICHAEL!
THE TAXIARCH ARCH-ANGEL!!
BOOM
BHA!
WHO...
!
HAAAAAH!
TH..
TH..
TH..

Seraph

Seraphs are an expression of God's love and are symbolized with red coloring and burning flame iconogaphy. Originally, they possessed six wings to symbolize ***will***. They are the most accomplished class of all angels and are said to be the manifestation of the sun itself.

However, since they produced a great many number of rebels, such as Lucifer and Beelzebub, they earned God's displeasure and many were relegated to lower classes. They can travel beyond the speed of light, possess destructive powers that can pulverize entire planets, and are endowed with the leadership charisma of a billion angels bound together.

Furthermore, Michael possesses an almost limitless fighting power. Paramount among Michael's responsibilities is the destruction of the Devil.



Taxiarch Archangel Michael

This angel, known as Archangel Mikal in Islamic faith, is the ultimate and most powerful warrior within the highest dimension, ***heaven***, where the most exalted presence, ***God***, exists. He is an angel of the first order that leads and metes out punishment on lesser orders of angels. Michael means "Who is most like God." He is also the protector of nobility and justice.

It is said that long ago, at the time of the fallen angel Lucifer's rebellion within the heavens, Michael, then an Archangel (eighth-level Angel) led the greatest call to arms.

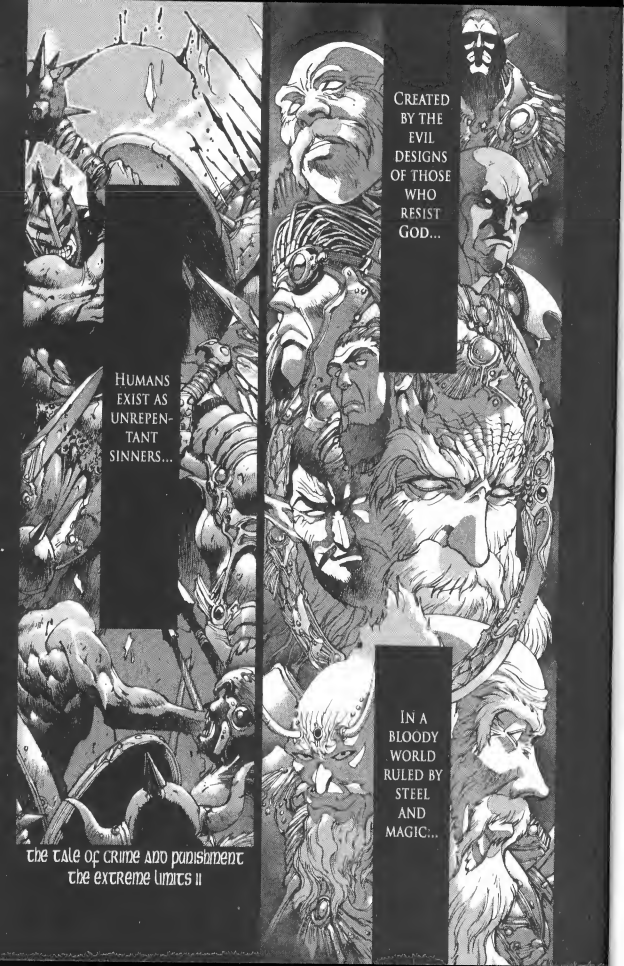
After ascending to the position vacated by Lucifer, Michael grew in potency to become the top Angel (Seraph) and was then on referred to as the ***Taxiarch Archangel Michael.***

GGGKOAH!
WHY IS THAT ARK STILL FLYING?
WHAT HAVE THE DOMIN-IONS BEEN DOING?!
I WILL KILL THEM!
I, MICHAEL, WILL NOT FORGIVE ANY ANGEL WHO NEGLECTS THE EXECUTION OF GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE!
ANGELS, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR ANGELIC DUTIES?!

ALL OF A SUDDEN, THE FALLEN ANGEL LUCIFER SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.
REALLY! I'M SERIOUS.
W-W-W-W-WELL...
SHIVER SHIVER
GAH!
I'M SERIOUS!
HIGH ANGEL MICHAEL
LUCIFER...
THEN HE BLASTED TO OBLIVION WITH JUST ONE STRIKE...
...THE DOMINIONS WHO HAD COMBINED INTO ONE ULTIMATE FORCE!
KRDOOOH
HOOZZ

WWMM

ALIVE...!
LUCIFER IS...
LUCIFER...
AAH! OOH! MI-MI-MI...
MICHAEL! ♡


CREATED BY THE EVIL DESIGNS OF THOSE WHO RESIST GOD...
HUMANS EXIST AS UNREPENTANT SINNERS...
IN A BLOODY WORLD RULED BY STEEL AND MAGIC...
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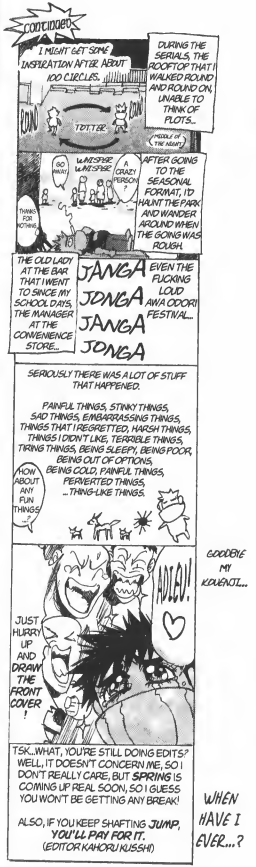
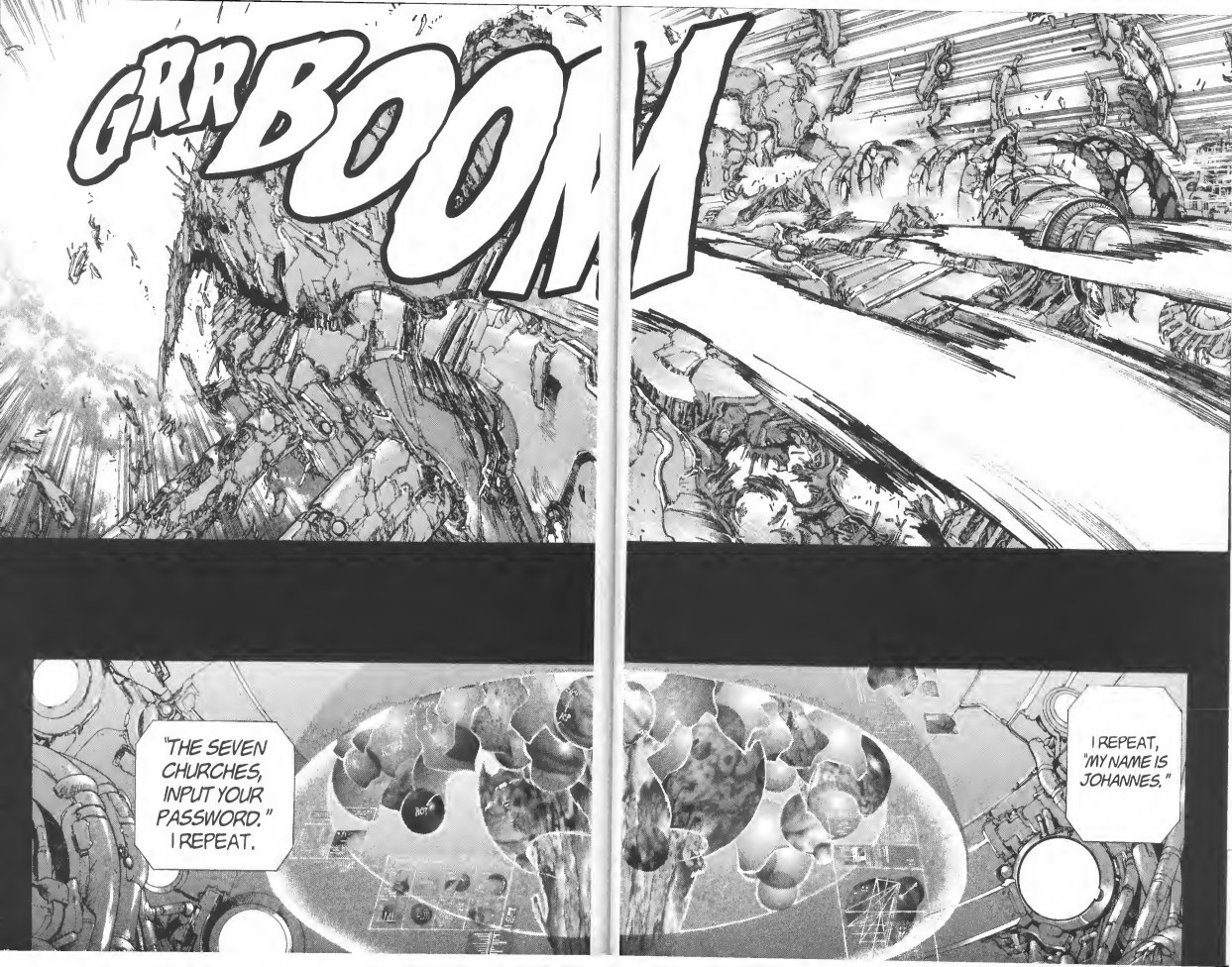
the extreme limits II


CONTINUED
I MIGHT GET SOME INSPIRATION AFTER ABOUT 100 CIRCLES...
DURING THE SERIALS, THE ROOFTOP THAT I WALKED ROUND AND ROUND ON, UNABLE TO THINK OF PLOTS...
TOTTER
TOTTER
"MODEL OF THE MONTH"
WHISPER WHISPER
A CRAZY PERSON
AFTER GOING TO THE SEASONAL FORMAT, I'D HAUNT THE PARK AND WANDER AROUND WHEN THE GOING WAS ROUGH.
THANKS FOR NOTHING
THE OLD LADY AT THE BAR THAT I WENT TO SINCE MY SCHOOL DAYS, THE MANAGER AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE...
JANGA JONGA JANGA JONGA
EVEN THE FUCKING LOUD AWA ODORI FESTIVAL...
SERIOUSLY THERE WAS A LOT OF STUFF THAT HAPPENED.
PAINFUL THINGS, STINKY THINGS, SAD THINGS, EMBARRASSING THINGS, THINGS THAT I REGRETTED, HARSH THINGS, THINGS I DIDN'T LIKE, TERRIBLE THINGS, TIRING THINGS, BEING SLEEPY, BEING POOR, BEING OUT OF OPTIONS, BEING COLD, PAINFUL THINGS, PERVERTED THINGS, ...THING-LIKE THINGS.
HOW ABOUT ANY FUN THINGS?
GOODBYE MY KOUENJI...
ADIEU!
JUST HURRY UP AND DRAW THE FRONT COVER!
TSK...WHAT, YOU'RE STILL DOING EDITS? WELL, IT DOESN'T CONCERN ME, SO I DON'T REALLY CARE, BUT SPRING IS COMING UP REAL SOON, SO I GUESS YOU WON'T BE GETTING ANY BREAK!
ALSO, IF YOU KEEP SHAFTING JUMP, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT.
(EDITOR KAHORU KUSSHI)
WHEN HAVE I EVER...?

RAPID FIRE 4-PANEL CHAIN
THE SOUND OF SCREECHING OUT TIRE.
BGM = NONE.
ENDLESS DAYS AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS!
FINAL EPISODE SPECIAL
by SERIOUSLY?! SERIOUSLY?! THE BIG QUAKE! HAGIWARA
I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE SINCE MY STUDENT DAYS.
MUCH MUCH
IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS (!) SINCE I SETTLED DOWN HERE IN KOUENJI. ...I THINK.
YOU KNOW?
RIGHT!
DRY MARTINI
SLIP
TLK
TLK
HEY, COULD YOU HEAR SOME THING BESIDES YOUR TALK, SUTU?
IT TOTALLY FEELS LIKE MY CITY...
THE LOCAL BAR OWNER, THE BOOKSTORE GUY, THE EATING JOINT LADY, AND THE LOCAL SHOP OWNERS, ALL GREET ME ON THE STREET.
HELLO THERE.
HOT, ISN'T IT?
I MUST HAVE LOOKED PRETTY DOWNTRODDEN...
OOOH..!
YOU CAN DO IT! WORK HARD! NOW, HERE'S SOME ON THE HOUSE.
WHEN I'M OUT SHOPPING, I SOMETIMES GET SURPRISING ENCOURAGEMENT.
IT'S A WARM-HEARTED CITY...
BUT THE TIME HAS COME FOR ME TO LEAVE SUCH A CITY.
TEAR DROP
I GOTTA SAY THAT I LOVE KOUENJI.
[to be continued]

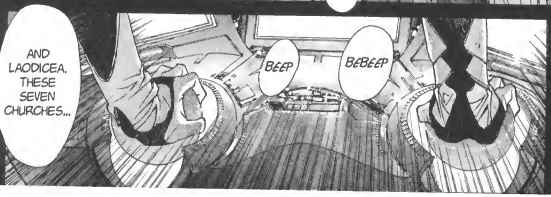
THE MAIN OFFENSIVE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
THEY DREW THEIR DIVINE ARMS AGAINST ALL OF MANKIND AND ITS PITIABLE WORLD.
THROUGH A GATEWAY IN THE PHYSICAL BODY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD'S ULTIMATE WEAPON, ANTHRASAX, A MASSIVE HORDE OF ANGELS, BEINGS FROM A HIGHER DIMENSION, DESCENDED TO EARTH.
THE TIME HAD COME FOR GOD'S SEVERE WRATH TO BE METED OUT.
HIGH IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE THE HUMAN POPULACE...


GRR
BOOM
"THE SEVEN CHURCHES, INPUT YOUR PASSWORD." I REPEAT.
I REPEAT, "MY NAME IS JOHANNES."

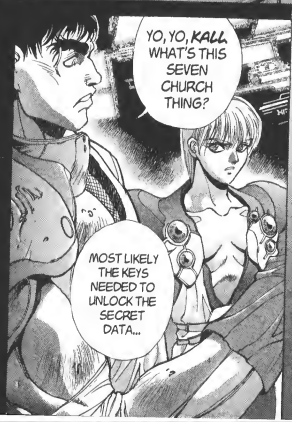
IT'S UNDER A SEVEN STAGE PROTECTIVE SYSTEM... WHICH MEANS...
KLK
JUST AS I THOUGHT ...
FM
FM
FM
BEEP

IN OTHER WORDS...
THE SEVEN CHURCHES TO WHICH THE APOSTLE JOHN SENT HIS WRITINGS OF THE FUTURE... THE VISION OF THE END OF DAYS FROM THE DIVINE REVELATION WHEN HE WAS ON PATMOS ISLAND IN THE AEGEAN SEA...

SARDIS.
PHILA-DELPHIA.
PERGA-MUM.
THYATIRA.
EPHESUS.
SMYRNA.


AND LAODICEA. THESE SEVEN CHURCHES...
BEEP
BEBEEP

WROOOOOH
"THE SEVEN CHURCHES, INPUT YOUR PASS-WORD."


YO, YO, KALL. WHAT'S THIS SEVEN CHURCH THING?
MOST LIKELY THE KEYS NEEDED TO UNLOCK THE SECRET DATA...

"JOHANNES" ...?

KKYWOOOOOO
SH

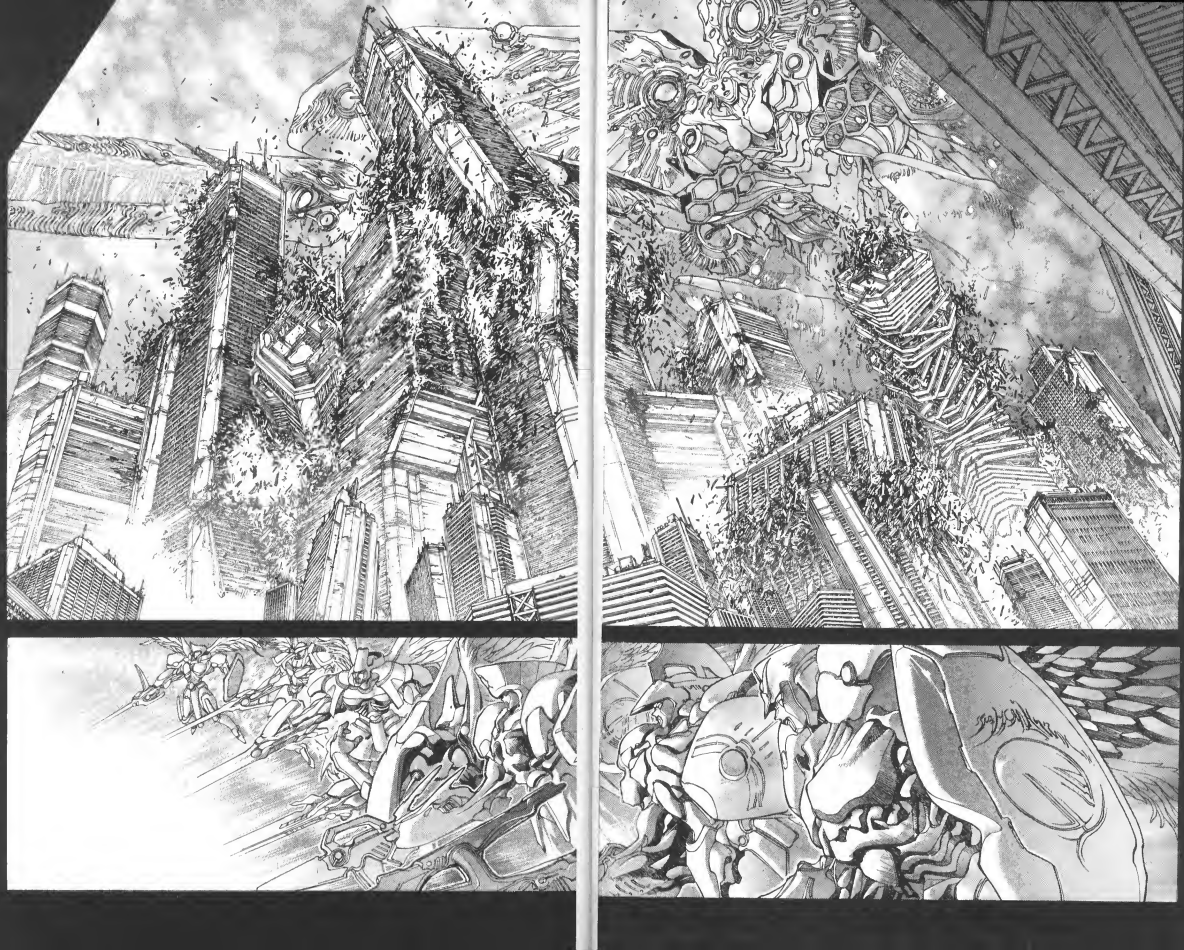
THIS... IS CONJURING THOUGHTS DIRECTLY INTO MY MIND...!
HEY, HEY, WHAT THE?
WHA-?!
WHAT?!

SO THIS IS THE TRUTH...
I KNEW IT...

THAT'S ALL FINE AND DANDY, BUT WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS ANCIENT HOLY POETRY COMING OUT?
KEEH!
WE DID IT... THE SECURITY IS NOW DISABLED.
APOCALYPSE
BEEP
BEEP

PASSWORD CONFIRMED.
OPEN MENU.

FLASH
BOTH OF YOU, LISTEN CAREFULLY.
THIS IS WHAT THE TRUE WORLD LOOKED LIKE...
THIS IS WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN FROM ALL MANKIND SINCE THE GREAT DESTRUCTION
CHK
BEEP
KALL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



DON'T BE SO SUR-PRISED..
WH... WHAT ?!
ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS, 400 YEARS AGO, THE ANCIENT WORLD WAS DESTROYED BY THE EVIL GOD OF DESTRUCTION ANTHRASAX..
WAIT... WHAT... NO WAY...!
UH-DUH!
!
THE DEMONIC HORDE THAT MANIFESTED BEFORE US TURNED OUT TO BE ANGELS.
IT'S NOT A STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION TO THINK THAT THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED 400 YEARS AGO AT THE TIME OF THE GREAT DESTRUCTION, RIGHT...?

A MASSIVE ARMY OF ANGELS...
THEY ARE ATTACKING MANKIND!
ANGELS.
WH... WHAT IS THIS?

HEY, KALL.
AS STATED IN THE BOOK OF PROPHECIES
LONG AGO...
WHEN THE POWER OF THE EVIL GODS SURROUNDED THE EARTH,
THE DRAGON WARRIOR APPEARED AND LAID THEM TO REST.
DESCENDENTS FORETELL
400 YEARS HENCE,
THE TERRIBLE EVIL GODS WILL ONCE AGAIN COME FORTH,
HOWEVER... ONE DESCENDED OF MY BLOOD,
WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOME THE DRAGON WARRIOR,
AND DEFEAT THIS EVIL.
GASP
THAT DRAGON WARRIOR THEY SAY DEFEATED THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION ANTHRASAX 900 YEARS AGO...
DO YOU THINK THAT'S A LIE, TOO...?
I WONDER.
BUT...
SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO, WE SAW WITH OUR OWN EYES, THE BATTLE BETWEEN D.S. ...
...AND PRINCE LARS, WHO BECAME THE DRAGON WARRIOR.
WE CAN SURMISE THAT THE DRAGON WARRIOR EXISTED AT AN EARLIER POINT IN TIME.

SO THE LEGENDARY GREAT DESTRUCTION WAS BROUGHT ABOUT NOT BY A EVIL HORDE, BUT BY ANGELS...
(HA.
THEN...
SLASH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
JUST A BUNCH OF BULLSHIT.
SO THE LEGENDS AND LULLIBIES THAT WE'VE HEARD ALL OUR LIVES...

HEY, WAIT A SECOND, KALL!
THEN, WHAT?
ARE HUMANS... IN THE CROSS-HAIRS OF ANNIHILATION, NOT BY DEMONS OR EVIL GODS.
BUT BY THE TRUE GOD? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
IT'S JUST AS YOU SEE FOR YOUR-SELF.
THE TRUE... RIGHTEOUS... JUST GOD...
...IS GOING ON A KILLING RAMPAGE AGAINST THE VERY HUMANS THAT WORSHIP HIM? KILLING US LIKE BUGS?!

WHAT!
WHO COULD POSSIBLY GAIN ANYTHING BY THAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
HMM...
BUT THE REAL QUESTIONS ARE, WHO FABRICATED THIS LEGEND...
AND WHY DID THEY ENSHROUD THE HISTORICAL TRUTH ABOUT THE GREAT DESTRUC-TION...
"ENSHROUD... (TRANSITIVE VERB): TO COVER OR ENCLOSE WITH OR AS IF WITH A SHROUD..." HUH.
POCKET DICTIONARY
"FABRICATE... (TRANSITIVE VERB): TO MAKE UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECEPTION."
MGUR

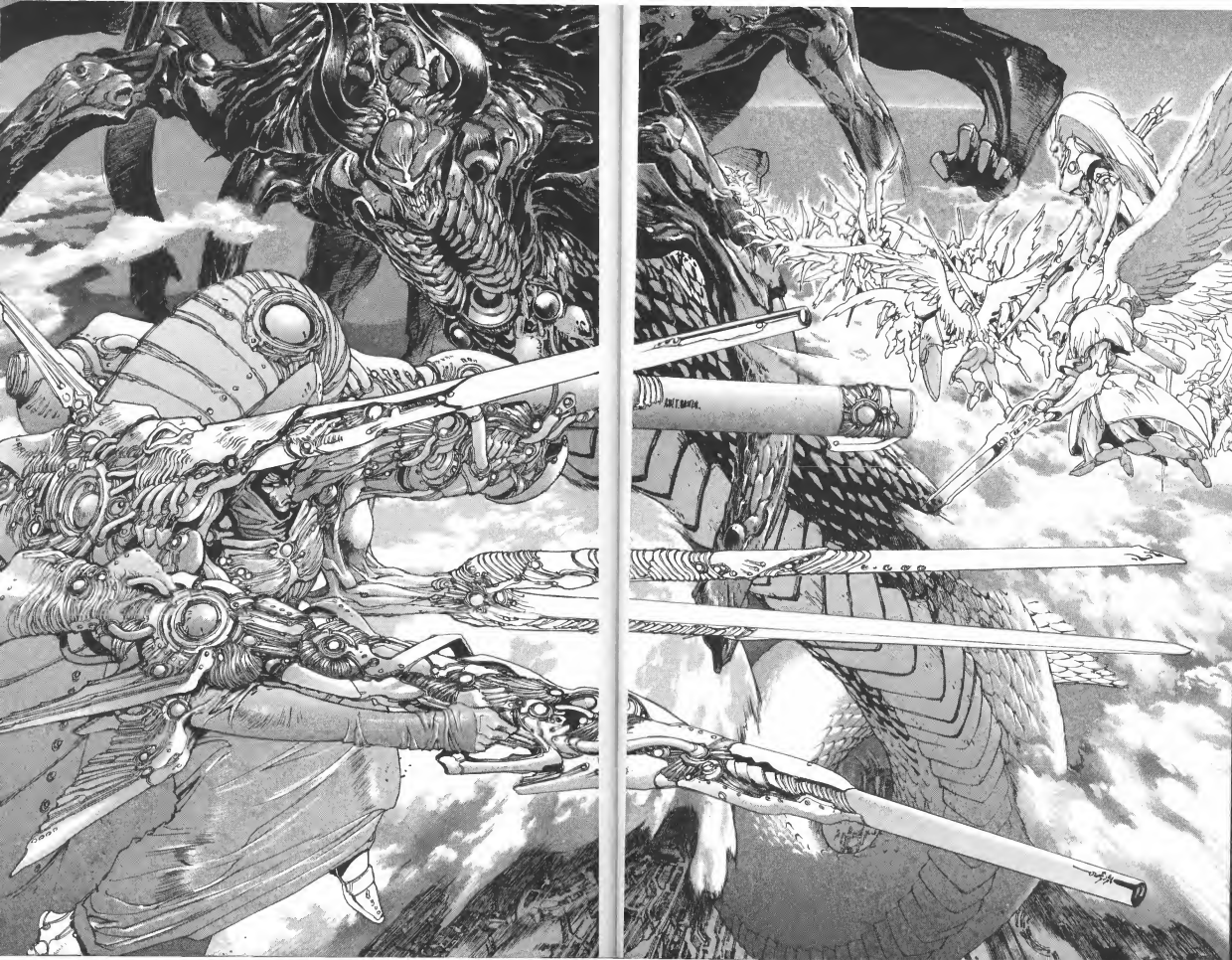
DID YOU CONSIDER THAT THE REASON BEHIND HUMANITY BEING ANNIHILATED MIGHT BE OUR DOING?
?
...
HOW CAN YOU SAY FOR CERTAIN THAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE NOT THE EVIL PRESENCE ?!
!
HOW CAN YOU SAY FOR SURE THAT THE VERY SAME HUMANS AREN'T TOXIC TO THIS VERY UNIVERSE THAT GOD IS SAID TO HAVE CREATED?!
THE CRIMINALS WHO TWISTED THIS WORLD FROM ITS ORIGINAL FORM AND CORRUPTED IT TO THIS EXTENT ARE WE HUMANS!
NEI! GARA! YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW THIS!

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME?! WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, THEY'RE ALL GODS OF DESTRUCTION! RIGHT?!
WHAT THE HELL! ARE YOU SERIOUS?! THEN, WHAT... GOD, THE EVIL GODS, THE GOD OF DESTRUC-TION...
HOW CAN YOU BE CERTAIN THAT THOSE WHO KILL HUMANS ARE THE EVIL ONES?

YOU YOURSELVES HAVE ALL KILLED COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE!
I EVEN KILLED MY OWN MOTHER IN THE NAME OF SURVIVAL!
AND ONLY A SELECT FEW CONTROLLED WEALTH.
TENS OF MILLIONS DIED OF STARVATION AND ILLNESS.
YGH
CRIME AND MAYHEM RAN RAMPANT AND VENEREAL DISEASES THAT BROUGHT ABOUT DEATH BECAME EPIDEMIC.
CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT IN MANY COUNTRIES, LOOTING BROKE OUT, AND PEOPLE KILLED ONE ANOTHER!
AND EVEN NOW, THINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED IN THE SLIGHTEST!

NO MATTER HOW TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED WE BECOME, NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF RULING GOVERNMENT MIGHT EXIST, NO MATTER THE MILITARY MIGHT...
HOW LONG HAVE MEN FOUGHT DIRTY, KILLING EACH OTHER, CRUSHING THE WEAK, AND DESTROYING THE VERY WORLD IN WHICH THEY LIVE!
THERE IS NOT ONE MOMENT WHEN MAN HAS RISEN ABOVE THIS CYCLE OF PAIN!
EVEN THOUGH THIS WORLD, WHERE MEN CONTROL MEN HAS EXISTED FOR OVER SIX THOUSAND YEARS...
EVEN IF WE SLICE INTO THE VERY GENOME OF MAN!
EVEN IF ALL THE LANDS ARE CONNECTED BY COMMUNICATION!
EVEN IF THE FAR DEPTHS OF THE SEAS ARE EXPLORED!
CRUELTY, HATE, AND INJUSTICE CAN NEVER BE EXCISED FROM MAN!
EVEN IF WE LAND ON THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON!
WE COULD NOT CONQUER POVERTY, ILLNESS, OR DEATH!
WE COULD NOT CREATE A PEACEFUL WORLD FREE OF WAR, CRIME, OR INJUSTICE.

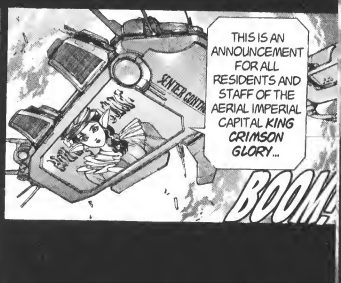
...IS THE TRUE EVIL, THE BANE OF THE EARTH THAT SHOULD BE DEST-ROYED ONCE AND FOR ALL!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
...
HOW CAN WE OUTRIGHT SAY THAT HUMANITY, IMPUDENT TO THIS EXTENT, IS NOT EVIL?!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
HUMANITY ITSELF...
IF THERE TRULY IS A GOD, ISN'T ANNIHILATION A JUST PUNISHMENT?!
RUMBLE



GWOM
GWOM
GWMWM
GWM
THE CAPITAL WILL IMPACT THE SURFACE IN 15 MINUTES.
GRAVITY CONTROL NOT RESPONDING. OUTER HULL BINDING CONTROLS NOT RESPONDING.
GBOOM
BOOM
THE SITUATION HAS BEEN DEEMED EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. ALL RESIDENTS AND CREW...
KHOOOOOOOOH
EMERGENCY WARNING! EMERGENCY WARNING!
MUK MUK MUK
GWOOH
PLEASE EVACUATE IN A CALM AND ORDERLY MANNER. THANK YOU.
SHHHHH
FSHH
PUK PUK
PUK

BOOM
KABOOM
GCH GCHH KKH
BEEEEEP!
BEEEEEP!
TUKU TUKU
SENTERO
EMERGENCY WARNING! EMERGENCY WARNING!

VWE
THE CAPITAL HAS BREACHED MINIMUM SAFE ALTITUDE AND CONTINUES ITS DESCENT.
EEEE!


THIS IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF THE AERIAL IMPERIAL CAPITAL KING CRIMSON GLORY...
BOOM!

WATCH OVER ME, LUCIEN.
WHEW...
WE WON'T LOSE...
WE'RE NEVER GOING TO LOSE THIS FIGHT!
CHING

WREEN
WREEN
EVEN IF...
...ANNIHILATION IS THE FATE THAT GOD HAS DECREED FOR US...

HWOOOOOH
GWM GWM GWM
YWAA
DWM DWM DWM
GWM GWM GWM GWM
HWOOOOOH
AAAAAA AH
DWM DWM
DWM DWM

WOOOOH
A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF POWER, COMPARABLE TO THAT MANIPULATED AT THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE, 5 BILLION, 670 MILLION TERA-ADELHEID WILL BLAST FORTH!
THIS ABSURD LEVEL OF ENERGY WILL PUT A GREAT STRAIN ON NORMAL SPACE...
AT THE EXACT MOMENT OF THE ASTRAL REACTOR OVERLOAD, THE LIGHT ENERGY WILL GO THROUGH MASSIVE DECAY... AND IN THAT 1/6000TH OF A MICROSECOND...

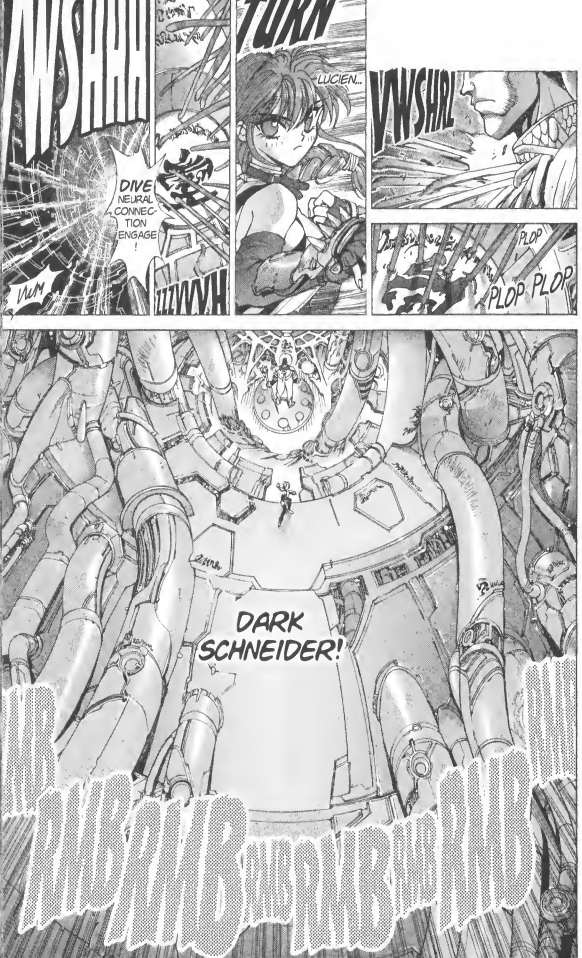
IF WE ARE TO BELIEVE THE WORDS OF THE FALLEN ANGEL LUCIFER... NO, OF LUCIEN RENLEN, THEN THAT WOULD BE OUR MOMENT!
...AND THE PRIME MATERIAL PLANE IN WHICH WE EXIST!
AND SHOULD CONNECT ALCATRAZ, THE IMAGINARY SEALED SPACE IN WHICH D.S. IS BEING HELD BY THE SPIRIT POWERS OF THE DOMINIONS...

THE ONE MAN WHO CAN STAND UP TO THE ARMY OF ANGELS...
THE ULTIMATE WIZARD WITH POWERS FAR SURPASSING EVEN THAT OF THE EVIL GODS, DARK SCHNEIDER...
HIS RESURRECTION IS OUR ONE AND ONLY CHANCE!

GKNK
ASTRAL REACTOR, READYING FULL DRIVE.
WRM
WRM
WRM
BKNK

GWOOM
HIGH SPIRIT RING CONTACTED.
CONNECTING ELEMENTAL NET. THREE, TWO... CONTACT.
FULL DRIVE ENGAGED.
KLNK

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO OVERLOAD THE SYSTEM, WE MUST PUT FOUR OF THE LIMITERS OFFLINE!
MY LOVELY YOUNG LADY, THE ASTRAL REACTOR IS ON AT FULL DRIVE.


WSHHH
DIVE
NEURAL
CONNEC
TION
ENGAGE
!
VWM
HVVVVZZZ
TURN
LUCIEN...
VWSHRL
PLOP
PLOP PLOP
DARK
SCHNEIDER!
RRRR

YEAH!
HERE THEY COME! DON'T LET THEM GET CLOSE TO THE ASTRAL REACTOR!
EVERY ONE OF THESE BASTARDS IS GOING DOWN!

DGM
↓ ⇨ + PUNCH
GBOOM
GWM
THERE IS ONLY ONE ATTACK THAT A HUMAN BEING, PHYSICALLY WEAK IN COMPARISON TO THESE BEINGS FROM A HIGHER PLANE, CAN USE AGAINST THESE ANGELS...
HIGH-PRESSURE AIR BLASTS.
DWOOMH!
THE LIGHT SPEED SWORD'S ULTIMATE ATTACK!

ZWOOOO
OH
!
ZZ
WH
OOOH
HAHAHA-HAHA.
HA AHA.
AHA-HAHA-HAHA!
NO HALFHEARTED ATTACK IS GOING TO CUT DOWN AN ANGEL THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO REGENERATE ITSELF.

ULTIMATE ATTACK!
TREMBLING HEAVEN SPLITTING SLICE!!

BLAP
KYAA-HAHAHA! NO USE! NO USE! DIE!
WHOOSH
PUNCH
GWUSH
HUUMMANNN!!
ZZSHAASHAN

BOM BOMBOMBOM
KYAAAAA
+ PUNCH
GBB BB! BOOM
YOU BASTARDS! DON'T YOU DARE COME ANY CLOSER!
GWOH
BOOM
SHATTER
VWAH!
[HOLD] + PUNCH
(ONLY WHEN ENERGY LEVEL IS FULL.)

BOOM
PZZ PZZ PZZ
GYAAAAAAA!
+ SLICE
THE LAST HOPE LEFT FOR HUMANITY...
ZSH!
JUST TRY AND COME, YOU ERRAND BOYS!
GYEEE
VWSH
I'LL PROTECT IT EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!

VDB
OOGN
OOM
OGGGGGSSH
GVAH
OOH
CRACKLE
FS
HHH
VSHH
VSHH

VWO
EAT THIS YOU BASTARDS! MY SUPER DEATH-BLOW!
OGOW
THE ULTIMATE METEOR DRIVER!!

GVSH
GVSH
ZAKK
!
BWSH
VWAH!
KYAHHHHH!
VWAH!
OH MERCIFUL ONE, THE GOD OF HEALING...
WE WON'T LOSE THIS FIGHT...
GAAAH!
GUK!!
↓↘→ + SLICE
SHADOW BLADE!
SHNK

VOOOOH
WHAT?!
ZAKK! BEHIND YOU!
GH
H
VOOOH
→←→ + PUNCH
ZAKK
!
BLLL
GOAAH!

THD
FWSH
WE CAN'T LOSE!
DGA
ZLSH..RO
HH.

THIS BATTLE...
BZZ
ZAP!
HUMAN BLOOD-TO-BLOOD, FLESH-TO-FLESH, AND BONE-TO-BONE.

...HAS THE FUTURE OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE RIDING ON IT!
SH
HMM

FLING!
THD
FWSH
ZSH

SHADOW SWORD ULTIMATE ATTACK!
...WERE TO SHATTER TO DUST!
EVEN IF MY BODY...
HWOOOOOSH
MAKE KNOWN TO ME YOUR SACRED WAY.

DYAAAAH!
GRIP
SHADA
SHADOW HURRICANE SLICE!
(DURING HIT) ⇨⇩⇘⇦⇨ + SLICE
DM
ENO
ENA

GIBOOM
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION. SO PLEASE, ALL RESIDENTS AND CREW...
...EVACUATE RAPIDLY AND CALMLY TO A SAFE DISTANCE FURTHER THAN 900 KM FROM THE CAPITOL...
...WITHIN THE NEXT NINE MINUTES AND THIRTY SECONDS.

BOOM
DGHA
EMERGENCY WARNING! EMERGENCY WARNING! THE CAPITAL CONTINUES ITS DESCENT.
OUTER HULL DISINTEGRATION CONTINUES. STABILIZATION POWERS DECREASING. TEN MINUTES UNTIL SURFACE IMPACT.
GW
AH
TSH!
VW
M
PRESSURE AT THE MOMENT OF IMPACT IS ESTIMATED TO BE TEN THOUSAND GIGATONS.
OH NO YOU DON'T!
DWM
KYAA-HA-HAHA! DEATH BLOW!
RELATIVE VELOCITY TO GROUND LEVEL IS MACH 2.5.
TSK!
KH!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

BH!
MOOO

THAT GIRL'S FUCKING AWESOME!
SHE'S A HIGH PRIESTESS, AFTER ALL!
THAT'S SOME KICKING HEALING SPELL! BELIEVE IT!
TWO
CAGING PRISONER!
OOOH
(ENERGY LEVEL FULL) ↓↙←↙↓↘→↘↓ + ALL PUNCHES
SHE HEALED A WOUND LIKE THAT INSTANTANEOUSLY...!
GYAAAH
DWOOH

PTUI PTUI
WHY WON'T YOU DIE OBEDIENTLY! JUST MERE HUMANS, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! YOU MONKEYS! DIE! YOU MUST DIE! THAT IS THE FATE THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN FOR YOU! IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE...
MERE HUMANS!
MERE HUMANS!
VWAAH!
GYEEEAH! YOU HUMANS!
DIE!
GROOOAR
NO, YOU DIE!

ZSHAAAA!
GOOD...! THE HOLY SPELL OF THE GOD OF HEALING HASN'T ABANDONED US YET.
HUFF HUFF
UNTIL NOW, I COULDN'T HELP. I WAS JUST BEING PROTECTED BY EVERYONE... BUT FOR THE NEXT TEN MINUTES...
...I'LL BE THE ONE SUSTAINING ALL OF YOUR LIVES WITH MY OWN.
ZWAH!
GREAT. NOW...!

ZZZWWW
NNNNGH...
YOU HUMANS HAVE BEEN MARKED FOR DEATH...
WE CAN PUSH OURSELVES TO OUR PHYSICAL LIMITS BY BATTLING WITH OUR ULTIMATE ATTACKS!
HERE WE GO.
HWOOSH

MAX PUNCH ENERGY ACCUMULATION

GHRRR
OOOO

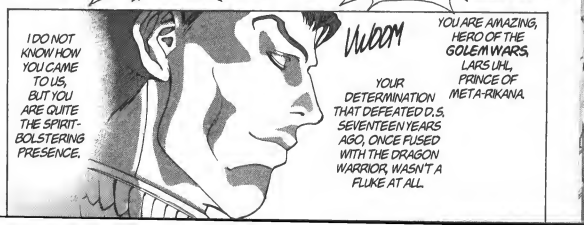
OVOAH
HUMANS!
WHAT A TERRIFYING LEVEL OF COMBAT STRENGTH...!
STUNG
NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU ATTACK AT ONCE...
IT'S THE SAME WASTED EFFORT!
VOOOSH
SO THIS IS THE LEGENDARY SWORD HANDED DOWN THROUGH THE DRAGON CLAN, THE SECRET SWORD OF THE HERO.
THE GOD SEALING SWORD!
UNPARALLELED IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, THIS SUPER-HUMAN SWORD SKILL IS SAID TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETELY TRAP AND DESTROY DEMIGODS, DEMONS, AND DJINN BY USING THE DRAGON AURA.
KWEEE
DWOM

WAAGH!
WHOA!
ZJSH!

GHAAH!
GOD...
...DECREED THAT YOU ARE TO BE WIPED FROM EXISTENCE!
I DON'T CARE IF GOD DECREED ANYTHING!
YOU JUST TRY, YOU ANGELS!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DESTROY THAT!
THIS WORLD ...!
THAT WE HAVE PROTECTED AGAINST EVIL!
BOOM
WE'LL SHOW YOU THE STRENGTH OF HUMAN BEINGS WHEN WE'RE BACKED INTO A CORNER!
THE PEACE OF ALL GOOD PEOPLE!

GWON
ZWOSH
DYAAAH!
SHING
MULTIPLE SLICE STRIKES

WE CAN DO THIS! THEY MIGHT BE ANGELS, BUT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN AN ENEMY THAT WE HUMANS COULDN'T DEFEAT!
AMAZING! SUPER-HUMAN AMAZING! WHOA!
WHOA!


I DO NOT KNOW HOW YOU CAME TO US, BUT YOU ARE QUITE THE SPIRIT-BOLSTERING PRESENCE.
VVBOOM
YOUR DETERMINATION THAT DEFEATED D.S. SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO, ONCE FUSED WITH THE DRAGON WARRIOR, WASN'T A FLUKE AT ALL.
YOU ARE AMAZING, HERO OF THE GOLEM WARS, LARS UHL, PRINCE OF META-RIKANA.

ALL PUNCHES (CHARGE POWER METER)

DM DM DM
THEY SAY EACH ONE OF OUR POWERS EQUALS THAT OF AN ENTIRE ARMY.
LET'S SHOW THEM THE POWER OF THE SORCERER SHOGUN!
OHH

LET'S DO THIS!
YAAH
KICK THEIR ASSES TO KINGDOM COME!
GR R
ZWOOSH
GWOO

GGGGGGOOOOOH
KNK
KNK
KNK
KNK
KNK
WROOOOOOM
GWOOM!
PUAK
AAH! THE ASTRAL REACTOR!
THE OUTERMOST RINGS OF THE FOUR-LAYERED ELECTRIC DISCHARGE DISK ARE COMING APART...
THANKS FOR THE SCIENCE LESSON, MR. WIZARD. ARE WE GONNA BE TESTED ON THIS?
DAMMIT...
THE FIRST OF THE FOUR LIMITERS HAS BEEN RELEASED!

PROTECTION PROGRAM PENETRATED! RELEASE THE LEVEL ONE LIMITER!
KKAH!
KNG KNG
KNG KNG

WwiWSHA

OOO
OOH

THE CAPITAL WILL MAKE SURFACE IMPACT IN FIVE MINUTES AND TWENTY-FOUR SECONDS.
THE CAPITAL KING CRIMSON GLORY CONTINUES ITS RAPID DESCENT.
ONLY FIVE MINUTES!
ALL CREW, ALONG WITH ALL INHABITANTS, PLEASE EVACUATE IMMEDIATELY. I REPEAT, THE CAPITAL

NO YOU DON'T!
ZDWM
KRAAAAAH
DESTROY! DESTROY THEM AT ALL COSTS!
GYEEEEH

WHY YOU!

EMBRACE EXTINCTION! NO LONGER DRAW BREATH UPON THIS EARTH!
DIE, HUMANS!
I SEE IT...
A SIMPLE EVENTUALITY WHERE THOSE THAT RESIST THE WILL OF GOD ARE TORN TO BITS...
VAMPIRE HUNTER D
the tale of crime and punishment - the extreme limits - the end

WORSHIPPING THE WRONG GODS CAN KILL YOU!

While Dark Schneider's in hell chatting with Satan, Lars and the others continue to fight the Angels. Lucien attempts to convince the Angels that humans are beings worth saving, but his calls for mercy go unheard. Meanwhile, Yoko comes to the startling realization that Lucien is the one who has been protecting her the whole time, not the other way around. Whilst this is happening, Nei, Gara, and Kall-Su continue hacking into an ancient computer and find out the cause of the Great Destruction that laid waste to the earth years ago was not the work of demons, but of Angels! They also come to realize the god they had been worshiping was in fact the real evil destructive force on the planet!

ROCK ON WITH THIS HEAVY-METAL FANTASY MANGA!

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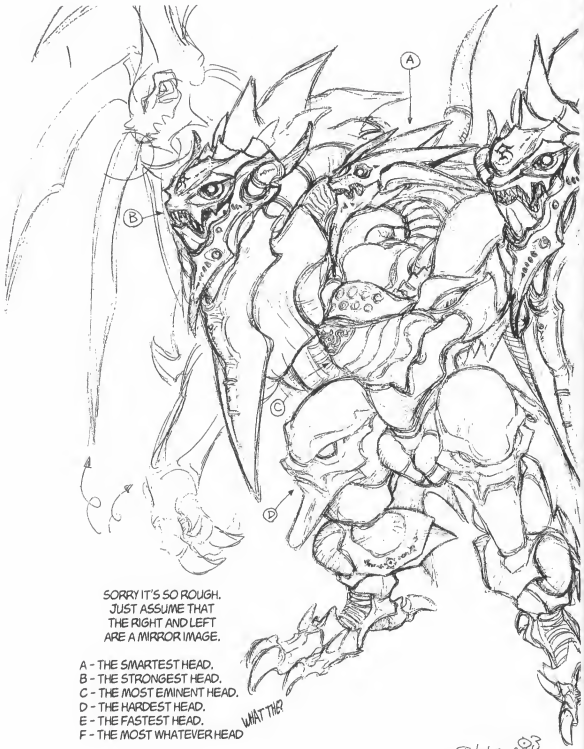


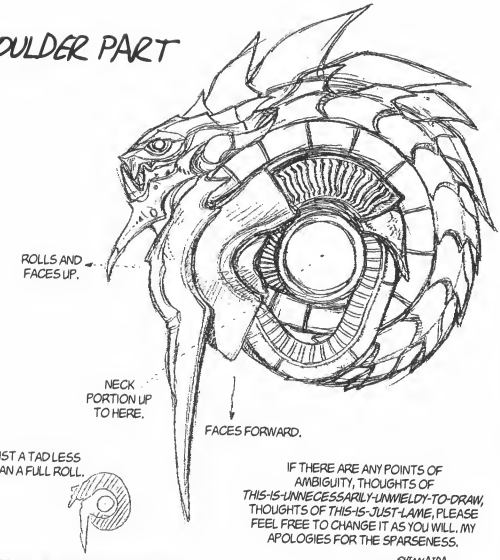
DUM BADUM DUM BADUM

DUM BADUM GOOONG

THE DRAGON WARRIOR!

BUT BEFORE THAT EVER HAPPENS, D.S. BETTER BE RESURRECTED, HUH?

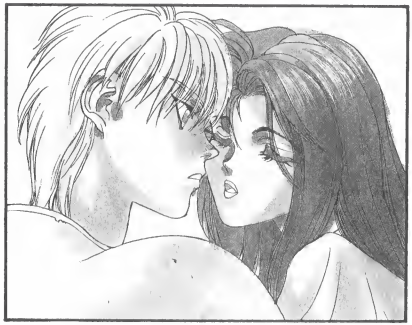
I KNOW!! I KNOW! DON'T WORRY! WE ARE PRETTY MUCH DONE WITH THE APOCALYPSE SCENARIO, SO IT'LL HAPPEN THIS YEAR, OKAY?

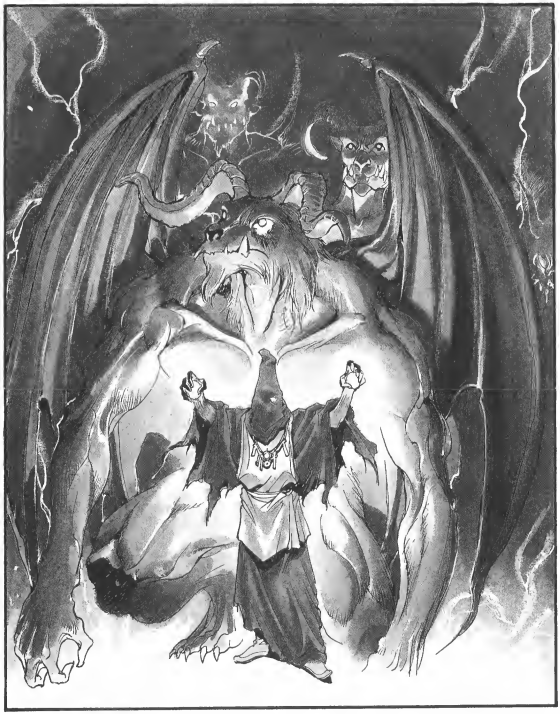


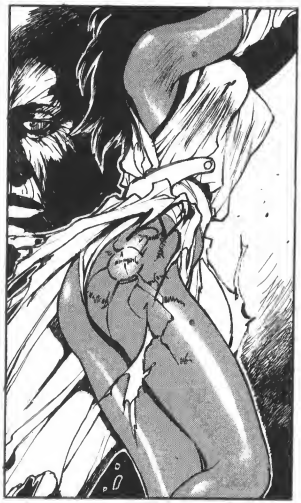
HE'S PROBABLY COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT THIS, BUT...

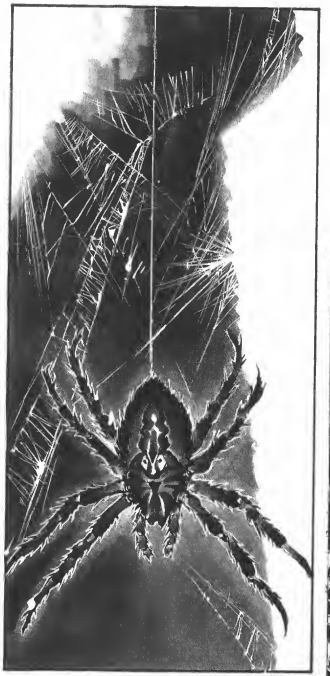
SHINKAIDA SENSEI! THANK YOU SO MUCH! I'M GOING TO REALLY "MAKE IT WORK," I SWEAR!

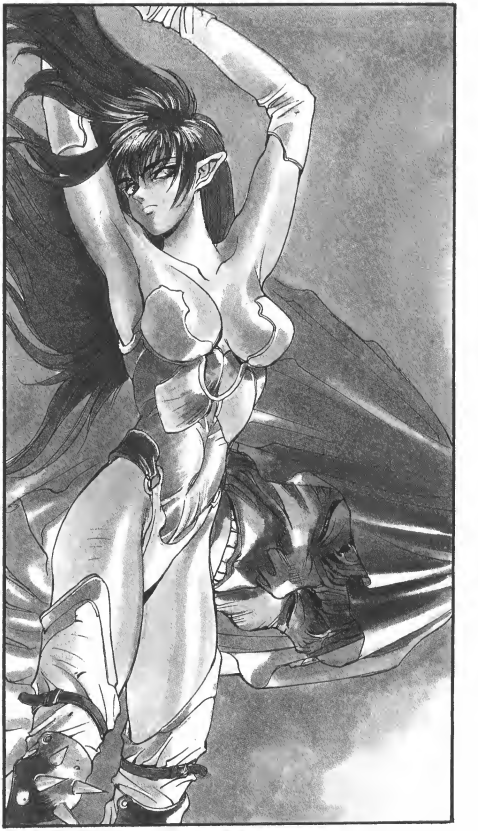
EVENTUALLY...











END OF VOLUME GREETING - END NOTE MANGA

You Gotta HAGIWARA!

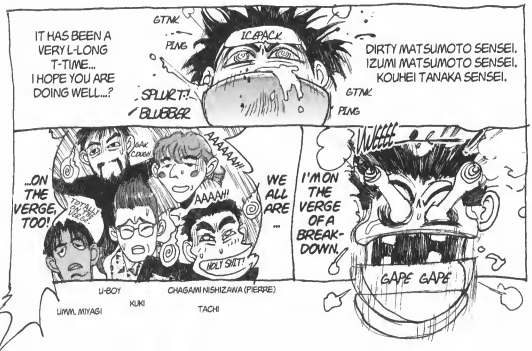
STUDIO

KIKUCHI
OKAWA FROM CLAMP.
UTATANE
SETA...
EVERYONE.
LONG TIME NO SEE.
HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING?

UGAAAAAAAAAH!

KRK KRK KRK KRK KRK KRK

TSURUTA
OKAZAKI
(HOW'S YOUR HEALTH?)
KITAGAWA
LITTLE ASA
KIMURA (AND KID)
HONDA
KAMIJYO
HATAIKE



NO EXCUSES. I'M INTENDING TO KEEP THAT PLOT ALIVE A LITTLE LONGER. BUT EVERYONE, JUST BELIEVE THIS ONE THING...

I WAS REALLY TORN ABOUT IT.

I HAD SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT *VOLUME 16* THIS TIME. WHAT WE DID IN THE SUMMER SPECIAL (WHEN THE PUZZLER'S CHARACTERISTICS WERE REVEALED). THE AFOREMENTIONED ***CORRELATION BETWEEN NEANDERTHALS AND EDEN, AND MOREOVER, THE CORRUPTION OF HUMANITY DUE TO THE FRONTAL LOBE AND THE HISTORY OF BLOODSHED, PLUS THE GREAT DESTRUCTION*** WERE TAKEN OUT.

THEY MIGHT PUBLISH SOME OF MY SHORT WORKS ALONG WITH SOME DRAWINGS LATER THIS YEAR. GO OUT AND GET IT!

I'M SERIOUSLY WORKING MY ASS OFF HERE. TAKING TIME OFF THE VIRTUAL STUFF TOO. BUT, I GUESS I DID SOME OF IT... OH WELL.

AND ALSO, THE NOVEL I TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER IS GOING TO BE DRAWN BY NONE OTHER THAN BENNY MATSUYAMA. WOW!